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INFORMATION REPORT

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ROTHENBURG AirfieldLocation

1. The airfield under construction in the Rothenburg area is known as Baustelle Rothenburg and referred to at present as a sports ground. It is located about 200 meters from the Oder-Neisse frontier line, three kilometers from Loedenau and 30 kilometers from Goerlitz.

Progress of building work

2. Six hundred workers, mostly masons and plasterers, are working on construction of barracks and a runway under the supervision of Bau Union Dresden. Six barracks, each containing 30 rooms, with an estimated capacity of 400 men per barracks are being built. In addition two washroom blocks are being built, each containing 60 basins and mirrors. There will also be a bathlock of eight baths and a boiler.
3. The so-called culture room with an area of 40 meters by 15 meters is at present used as a kitchen.
4. The present barracks accommodation is about to be occupied by a detachment of frontier police.

Runway construction

5. The runway, running from east to west, is of unspecified length, it is between 50 and 60 meters wide and has an estimated thickness of 30 centimeters.

Completion date

6. Date of completion is unspecified, but the water system is supposed to be completed by 15th January. It is estimated that there will be six weeks delay in meeting this commitment, although ten hours are worked daily.

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Soviet forces

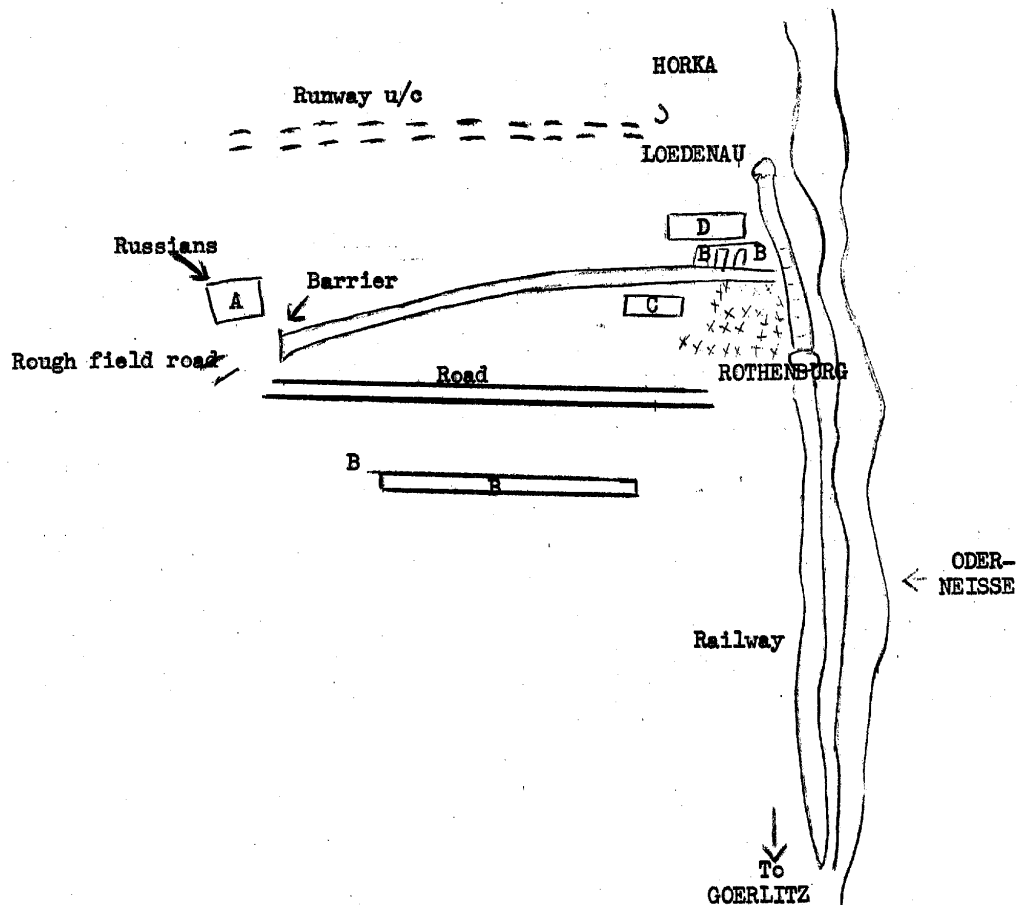
7. About 200 Soviet enlisted men, mostly airmen, are occupied in connection with construction work, mostly as truck drivers. No officers have been seen.

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ROTHENBURG Airfield
(under construction)

A - Russians quartered here

B - Barracks

C - Administrative block

D - Building materials

xxx - Woods

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